

SENATOR WESELY: Yes, Mr. Speaker, just briefly. Following up with Senator Johnson's concerns and following up on Senator Lynch's and Crosby's comments, Senator Johnson, there are tremendous pressures being applied to our nursing homes across the state through federal legislation recently and you may be thinking about those additional restrictions that are now being looked at. The committee is very concerned about that and we don't have much choice on that, but we are going to try and be on top that issue and we do have some other legislation addressing that, but it is not any...there is no bills that I know of this year to add additional restrictions but, in fact, there were a number of pieces of legislation trying to cope with those and it's the federal mandates that we're really having to struggle with right now. As for both Senator Lynch and Senator Crosby's comments, they are much appreciated. This is a facility that we've long needed and this bill is necessary to see that it's able to be functional once it is completed, so I, again, would urge adoption of this bill and advancement as quickly as possible.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. You've heard the closing and the question before the body is the advancement of LB 733 to E & R Initial. Those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed nay. On the advancement of the bill. Please vote if you'd care to vote. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 733 is advanced. Senator Owen Elmer is pleased to announce that in the east balcony are guests from his district, Mr. Carlton Clark from Elwood and friends. Mr. Clark and your associates, would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're glad to have you with us. Messages on the President's desk, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, first of all, a couple of announcements. Natural Resources will hold an Executive Session at one-thirty this afternoon in Room 1517. Appropriations Committee hearing today will be in Room 2414 rather than Room 1003 as previously announced.

I have a notice of committee hearing from the Appropriations Committee. Your Committee on Government reports LB 206 to